

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2015  
450 Child Street, Boardroom, Warren, RI**

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Pursuant to proper notice, the Board Meeting of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Klepper at 6:00 pm, 450 Child Street, Boardroom, Warren, Rhode Island.

Executive Director Pamela Marchand, Legal Counsel Joseph Keough and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Paul Bishop, William Gosselin, Joel Hellmann, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, Georgina Macdonald, Raymond Palmieri, Sr., Frank Sylvia

Directors Absent: Bradford Louison

**1. Public Input**

There was no public input.

**2. Minutes**

Director Sylvia made the following motion seconded by Director Hellmann

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 7/22/15 Board Meeting.**

**Motion passed unanimously as corrected.**

**3. Executive Directors Report**

Executive Director P. Marchand – A Tri-Town meeting has been scheduled for September 16 at 7:00 pm in Bristol regarding a redundant water source. A meeting was held with myself, Allan Klepper and Joseph Keough, the Dept. of Administration, and RIWRB to discuss the dams in Mass. Legislation states that BCWA must maintain these dams and all infrastructure related to the MA supply. We will request our legislators to modify this law. A meeting is being scheduled with our legislators to discuss financial and legal issues for a redundant water source.

Barrington Bridge – Pare Corp. prepared a new design to replace the water pipe; State paying for the project which will be done this fall.

Director Palmieri requested the Executive Director to respond to a ‘Letter to the Editor’.

Director Jannitto entered the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Executive Director P. Marchand explained that Providence Water’s THM numbers were high for this past quarter, and this may affect BCWA’s ability to meet regulation for the next set of samples.

**4. Financial Report**

Finance Manager stated that a complete report will be available for the September meeting.

## **5. Bid Awards – BCWA Uniform Order**

Director Bishop made the following motion seconded by director Sylvia

**MOTION: To award Swiss Uniform Services uniform order in the amount of \$8,500 annually, for a three year period.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **6. Task Order – for Information**

### **1. BCWA/East Providence Emergency Interconnection Evaluation**

Executive Director P. Marchand stated that Pare Corporation is evaluating the interconnection on Pawtucket Avenue for water availability improvements.

Director Sylvia made the following motion seconded by Director Hellmann

**MOTION: To award Pare Corporation \$37,600.00 for BCWA/East Providence Emergency Interconnection Evaluation.**

Director Palmieri asked if RIWRB will be paying for half of this evaluation. Executive Director P. Marchand stated that she had applied for a refund from RIWRB.

Director Palmieri stated that this information should be given out at the Tri-Town meeting. Director Sylvia stated that all information should be sent to the Town Councils and posted on our website. Town Councils are interested on the main issues concerning BCWA. All reports should be put on our website and should be updated monthly.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **7. Tri-Town Meeting – BCWA Alternate Source of Supply**

Executive Director P. Marchand presented a draft of a Power Point presentation for the Tri-Town meeting scheduled for 9/16/15. A modified presentation will be prepared for a meeting with the legislators on 9/15/15.

Chairman Klepper stated BCWA will be asking the three Councils for their support at the Tri-Town Meeting. Chairman Klepper stated a Special Board meeting will be held on 9/15/15 at 10:00 am to review the presentation.

## **8. Warren Little League**

Manager of Customer Service J. Granata stated that the Little League has made their June payment in August. An agreement has not been signed. Consensus of the Board was to send them a Shut-Off Letter.

## **9. OPEB – Discussion – J. Hellmann**

Director Hellmann stated a Finance Committee Meeting will be held in September. BCWA's Pension Plan did very well last year at 7.79%, it is funded at 89.4%. Director Hellmann suggested that BCWA take the surplus and excess of the 6.25 of the Pension and reduce this year's contribution by that amount and take that amount and put it into OPEB fund. Director Macdonald will not support this proposal.

## **10. Monthly Billing – Discussion – W. Gosselin**

Executive Director P. Marchand stated that monthly billing would be more costly: bank fees, mailings, more staff time. However, it will be more convenient to most of our customers, and provide improved cash flow.

Director Sylvia asked Executive Director P. Marchand for a report listing the pros and cons of monthly billing.

Executive Director P. Marchand stated there are 6,000 meters that are antiquated and no longer supported. An RFI was issued for a new meter system that provides more information and faster collection of data to allow for monthly billing.

**11. Neighborhood Tie-ins to BCWA System – Financing Policy? J. Keough**

Director Sylvia asked if tie-ins must be paid for by the homeowner or can a payment plan be set up by BCWA. Legal Counsel J. Keough stated a detailed letter will be sent to all Directors.

**12. Board Correspondence**

No Correspondence

**13. Executive Session -**

1. Union Negotiations RIGL 42-46.5(2)
2. Providence Water Rate Increase – Litigation RIGL 42-46.5(2)

Chairman Klepper state that the Board will return to open session to close the agenda.

Director Hellmann made the following motion seconded by Director Gosselin

**MOTION: To go into Executive Session**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 9:00 pm.

Director Hellmann made the following motion seconded by Director Macdonald

**MOTION: To seal the Executive Session minutes.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**14. Next Scheduled Meeting**

9/15/15 Special Board Meeting 10:00 am

9/15/15 Special Board Meeting 5:30 pm

9/16/15 Tri-Town Meeting

9/23/15 Board Meeting

**15. Providence Water Rate Increase**

No information at this time.

Director Sylvia made the following motion seconded by Director Palmieri

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

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Raymond Palmieri, Sr.  
Secretary